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2023 annual meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 • 3 PM

Wee Burn Country Club. Reception to follow.

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Letter from the President

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Whether you live, work, or play in Darien you benefit from land conservation in our community. **Land conservation builds healthier, happier communities.** By protecting land, essential and finite resources are guaranteed for generations to come. These resources benefit the entire community, by providing carbon reabsorption, habitat protection, shoreline restoration, refuge for wildlife and pollinators, and opportunities for all to enjoy the benefits of nature.

It takes financial investment to protect and preserve our land and waterways. Our natural spaces are under constant attack from invasive plant species, development, pesticide usage and natural disasters. **The DLT's ongoing mission is to permanently preserve, protect and expand our 225 acres of land and waterways in Darien, FOREVER.**

This past year we enjoyed partnering with organizations to raise conservation awareness and engage communities of all ages with nature on our public access properties. We participated in Darien Nature Center's, *Spring into Nature Festival* and partnered with Friends of Selleck's Woods and the Town to host *Adventure Day* at Dunlap and Selleck's Woods. In the spring and fall we offered the *Walk Your Land Trust* series in partnership with neighboring land trusts. And thank you to all who attended our signature *Farm to Table Dinner*!

I am honored to serve as DLT's President and excited to further our mission of land conservation. We are currently undertaking a strategic review process to ensure the long-term health and effectiveness of the DLT so that we can continue to protect natural resources and provide life enhancing benefits for our community.

Join your neighbor, the Darien Land Trust, in becoming an advocate and financial partner of land conservation. I look forward to meeting you on one of our trails while you take in the wonders of nature or make your acquaintance at an event here in town.

With gratitude,

Elizabeth Mathus